Subject No. 181.

Repairs to Belur Temple.

Summary of discussion.—The Vimána in the Belur temple leaks. Needful repairs should be ordered.

Dewan's reply.—Noted and will be done.

Subject No. 182.

License for transit of private timber from one village to another.

Summary of discussion.—Persons desiring to remove wood from their private land in one village to their houses in another are required to obtain free licenses. This restriction should be removed.

Dewan's reply.—A revision of the rule will be duly considered.

Subject No. 183.

Malnad Matti to be free for agricultural purposes.

Summary of discussion.—In the Malnad, the "Matti" tree does not grow straight and stout and therefore does not yield valuable timber for building purposes. When used in the Malnad, it does not last more than two years. The tree, however, is much needed for huts and other agricultural purposes. It has nevertheless latterly been classed under the head "Reserved kinds." The request is that it may not be so classed and that it may be allowed to agriculturists free of cost.

Dewan's reply.—It is too valuable a tree to be allowed free.

Subject No. 184.

Compulsory attendance of Raiyats at Jamabandi.

Summary of discussion.—Village authorities compel raiyats to attend at the annual jamabandi settlement. This practice should be put a stop to.

Dewan's reply.—The attendance of raiyats whose accounts or disputes have to be settled is of course necessary, and the attendance of raiyats generally is convenient and will help the jamabandi officer in ascertaining various useful local facts and circumstances. There ought, however, to be no compulsion in the matter.

Subject No. 185.

Land assessed at dry crop rates in the Manjarabad Taluk should not be reserved for Coffee rates of assessment.

Summary of discussion.—In the Malnad, dry fields were formerly left unassessed, but have now been assessed at the Revenue Settlement. Dharkhasts tendered for such assessed dry lands are now being rejected on the ground that these lands are fit for coffee cultivation, and the applicants are told to apply for the same under the coffee rules. This procedure is opposed to Survey Settlement rules. Orders are solicited to grant them at the rates fixed at the Survey Settlement.

Dewan's reply.—Dry crop rates of assessment are very low, often 4 or 6 annas an acre. If in any case the land is fit for coffee, the Deputy Commissioner will be justified in refusing to give it at dry crop rates and in insisting upon coffee rates being agreed to.

Subject No. 186.

Potgi should be allowed to be withheld by Shanbhogs and Patels from their kandayam.

Summary of discussion.—Patels and Shánbhogs should be allowed to withhold their Potgi from the kandayam due by them on their holdings. They are not allowed to do this at present.

Dewan's reply.—The Potgi rules are clear and definite. District Officers will adhere to them.